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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-reference application are respectfully requested. Claim amendments are presented herein to obviate the current rejection.

Allowance of claims 8, 10-14, 22, 24-29, and 33-34 and allowability of claims 2-3 and 16-17 are gratefully acknowledged. In order to expedite allowance of the current application, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the features of claim 2 and claim 15 has been amended to include all of the features of claim 16. Moreover, claim 30 has been amended to include features similar to that of amended claim 1. As a result, claim 30 and its dependent claims should also be allowable. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this application should now be in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any

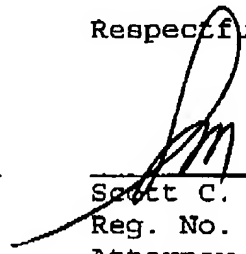
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claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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